

GREAT DURBAR IS HELD AT DELHI

George and Mary Receive Homage of Indian Subjects.

SCENES OF GREAT SPLENDOR

Durbar Camp Covers About Twenty-Five Square Miles. A Vast Canvas City—Princes and Potentates by Hundreds Attended.

The Great Durbar at Delhi to celebrate the accession of King George as emperor of India far outshone the coronation Durbar in 1858, when King Edward VII was crowned. There were no public holidays throughout India, and the royal proclamation was read in every town and village. Already King George and Queen Mary have taken part in many functions, and have received the homage of the princes. Delhi is overrun with visitors from all lands.

In the Durbar of 1903 the emperor and empress were represented by the Duke and Duchess of Connaught. About 100 ruling chiefs were in attendance, and the visitors were estimated at something less than 200,000.

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About 150 ruling princes are in Delhi, their camps being in close proximity to those of the king. Their more modest tents are also a striking sight. As far as one can reach twinkle myriads of electric lights which disclose a picture of white and gold, and here and there splashes of color.

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Samuel Drew Tries Scales at 275 Pounds and Bridie Weighs 175.

Samuel Cheiley Drew, the wife of New England Fat Men's Association two weeks, 275 pounds, and Bridie, the housekeeper of Mrs. H. C. Drew, weigh on the scales, which was Miss Anna Louise of Rochester, who herself tugs the scales, at 273 pounds. As there was no caravel to town capable of transporting the heavy pair, they were carried from town to their home in a hot truck.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Drew was the culmination of a romance which had its beginning in the world of the state hospital and poor farm. Drew is the head-chief, and Mrs. Drew, chief nurse in the insane ward.

PRINCE HENRY.
Queen Wilhelmina's Consort is Unpopular in Holland.

TREASURY RAID MADE BY HOUSE
Sherwood Service Pension Bill Is Passed.

IT CARRIES \$75,000,000

BILL MAY NOT GO THROUGH THE SENATE
—Many Democrats and Majority of Republicans Voted for Passage of Bill.

The Sherwood service pension bill, which would add upward of \$70,000,000 to the government's pension fund, did not go through the Senate, despite the determined opposition of the Senate Republicans. Senator of the Interior Phelan has estimated that the bill would add \$75,000,000 to the pension roll if the 400,000 veterans could take advantage of it.

Eight Republicans voted with the eighty-four Democrats against the bill, and the bill was defeated. About 100 ruling chiefs were in attendance, and the visitors were estimated at something less than 200,000.

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LEAPER TO DEATH.

To Commit Suicide Chicago Man Jumped From the 19th Floor of Skyscraper.

By a plunge from the eighteenth floor of the Masonic temple, at Chicago, a man, who had been a telegraph messenger, ended his life.

He leaped off his clothes on the eighteenth floor, dashed across the corridor in the presence of two men who were on the floor, and landed on the floor below. His body was picked up in the wreck of a cigar stand on the main floor, the crowds in the building were in a panic; one man was found unconscious from the impact of the body which brushed him.

Young Girl Bled to Death.

Adelaide Lester, the beautiful young daughter of Linton Lester, died at Americus, Ga., from an excessive hemorrhage from her gums, an unusual malady and one which physicians could not successfully treat.

Trust Loses.

The full United States circuit court at New York, in a case interposed by the "steamer trust" to the government's dissolution suit and the defendants were directed to answer the complaints. The court then heard arguments on the demurrers filed by the "steamship trust" in the governmental dissolution suit.

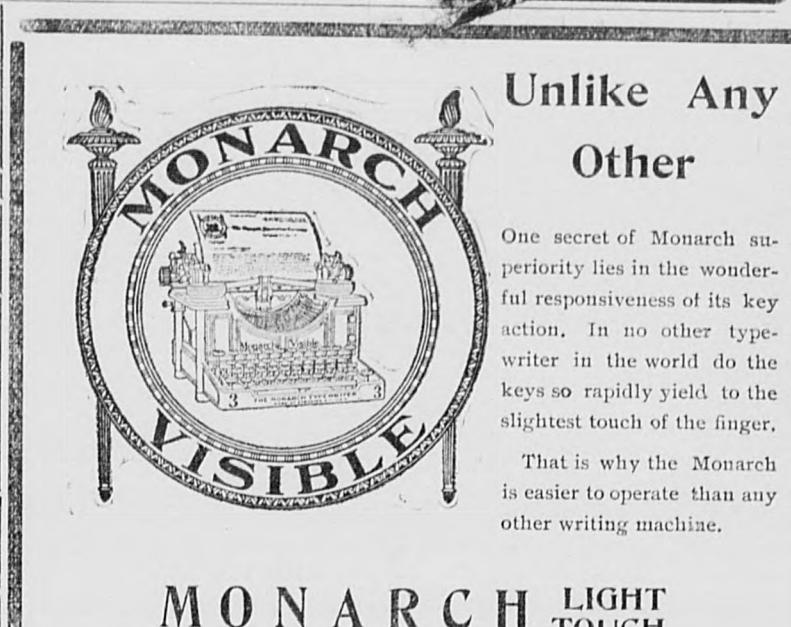
Wedding Serenade Was Fatal.

Burley Armstrong, Frank Armstrong and Omer Richardson, living in a room on the Bowery, New York, who were in a panic; their son, a baby, blew up and all were dangerously hurt.

At the age of 117 years, which is said to be well authenticated, Charles Bent, a negro woman, died at Savannah, Ga. She was born in 1784 and was a native of Georgia and spent most of her life in that state. She retained her faculties until within a short time of her death.

Mourn Death of Price.

Many of the present and former students of Rollins College, Fla., have



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DEMOCRATS CELEBRATE.

Inaugural of Governor James B. McCreary Held in New \$2,000,000 Capitol.

After an absence of 36 years, James B. McCreary, a Democrat, came back to the seat he once held as governor of Kentucky for the second time in the third of a century taking the oath of office as chief executive of that state.

At the age of seventy-two he took the oath of office for his second term being the only man in this country to serve two non-consecutive terms. He was caught by the steel jaws of a large steam shovel and his for leading cars with sulphur. Rod head crushed. The shovel is used to escape through the hole in the shovel to escape the terms of office.

Lincoln Penny Stopped Bullet.

Alfonso Rodriguez, a Mexican, was arrested at New York, last Saturday, when he was caught by the steel jaws of a large steam shovel and his for leading cars with sulphur. Rod head crushed. The shovel is used to escape through the hole in the shovel to escape the terms of office.

When Kindness Paid.

From the New York Tribune: "An emphatic denial of the reported capture of Miss Helen Taft, daughter of the president, to J. Cotton Smith, son of Mrs. Taft's pastor, Dr. Roland Cotton Smith, 'I have no desire to be reported as having captured her. The whole thing is without the slightest foundation,'" also declared Mr. Smith at his real estate office.

NOTES.

The government was CAPITALLY IMPEACHED in the administration of James B. McCreary, and the supreme court of the United States in a decision in the case of John Y. and Alfred Morgan of New York, who were indicted for violating the law by their water labeled "Imperial Spring Water," which, it was alleged, was nothing more than croton water with mineral salts added.

The law of the state of Arkansas excepting corporations from the application of the fellow servant doctrine, was declared unconstitutional by the supreme court in the case of the Aluminum company of America against George H. Rum-

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THE DEATH OF SANTA CLAUS.

By HERBERT KAUFMAN, in Woman's World.

He was almost two thousand years old when he died—the merest old man that ever lived in the Land of Dreams. Up yonder under the arch of the April rainbow, just beyond the kingdom of the Gnomes, He used to make wax dolls and Nod's ark, and shiny paper chains and Christmas tree angels with tinsel hair and robes of diamond-dust.

There was a nut grove in His backyard. And a peppermint candy-tree and an orange-bush and a sugar-plum plant in his garden.

And He had eight reindeer that could outrun the North Wind.

For years and years He was your gentlest and dearest friend. He danced into your dreams just about the time of the first snowflake. The North Wind used to rattle your window and, slapping a branch against the glass, called down through the chimney to say that Santa Claus again was roaming the world, reading hopes in the hearts of childhood.

You never really saw Him or heard Him. That is, you couldn't see Him like you could see father or hear a voice that said things aloud, but even if you couldn't explain just why and how, you felt sure that His eyes twinkled and danced and that His beard was soft as silk floss and that His hair glistened with the same silver that lights the moonshine.

And there never was a pippin in the orchard as ruddy or as fat as his cheeks.

His memory was always a source of wonder to you—not that it was always accurate—that wasn't the point—but that He could keep in mind among the billions and billions of boys and girls whom He knew always astounded you.

He never forgot anyone, and if he did once in a while bring you a present that some lassie a thousand miles away had selected—you realized what a tremendous responsibility He carried and made allowances.

Anyhow, after the first little frown of disappointment, you were really as happy with the rocking chair as you thought you would be with a tin kitchen.

He was very fat—such a roly-poly that the mystery of the chimney-hole was a never-ceasing source of speculation.

You must have measured it a hundred times without ever comprehending how he could come down such a little pipe, until one night you reasoned that he was made of India-rubber and then it was perfectly logical how He could squeeze through.

Mother and He were old acquaintances and he trusted her with His address and so she knew where to send your letters. Once you begged the mail man to show you where he lived. He was very polite and took great pains to explain that the Government wouldn't let him divulge any of the confidential secrets of its customers.

All the grown-ups were His friends, but not one of them ever talked on Him.

How you did want to meet Him! Oh! If you had only remembered about Pandora and what happened to her when she opened the box of secrets!

You didn't mean to harm him—you just yearned to talk to Him once and let Him know how much you appreciated His love and to

ber and fell asleep and you didn't even hear the reindeer tramping on the roof.

The next Christmas mother locked the parlor door and the crack wasn't wide enough to see through.

And then came the fatal eve—the night of the Great Crime—the night when you killed Him. When the terrible truth broke upon you, just thought that you had been fooled all along and that there never had been a

Santa Claus. It comes back to you now.

William Henry and John Randolph were in the conspiracy too. Push back the veil of Time.

Can't you see William in his cotton-flannel night suit, lying belly-up, watching father through the banister railing chain Rover and put the cat out? Then father came back again and put another log on the fire and latched the blind and lit his candle and came upstairs.

Just at that moment John lost his balance and stubbed his toe

so hard against the banister-post that you could hear the joint crack—it sounded awfully loud in the stillness. It was a miracle that he didn't catch you before you got back in your bed.

What wonderful actors you were! Father couldn't tell you were awake. He held the candle over your face for almost a minute and never knew to this day that you were watching him through your lashes.

And then he bent over and kissed you on the eyes and before you knew it you were actually asleep and William had to pinch you and tell you to listen. And then you sat up and you heard the sleigh-bells "just as plain," and after that you could hear Him moving around in the parlor.

John wanted to climb up to the attic, sneak through the trap door and catch the reindeer, but when he got there it was so dark that he was afraid and came running back.

Then hand in hand the three of you crept down the creaking stairs and opened the parlor door. Oh! If you had never done it! If you had only stayed away!

You killed Him—you whom he loved.

There wasn't any Santa Claus in the room at all, but just father and mother, who were undoing rows paper parcels and bought things from stores and filling stockings with ordinary everyday apples and nuts from Wilson's grocery and French's mixtures that came from town.

There was no real Christmas after that. He was dead. And all these years you have gone on believing that he was just a myth—a legend—a story.

But now that you're old and wise, you know that you were strong.

You realize at last the greatness of your punishment.

He just made a magic spell and before you could look at Him He had changed everything and turned Himself into father and mother.

That was the penalty you paid for doubting, and He never again came back.

You had lost your faith and that ended everything.

Some folks think that the fairy people and the dream people and the gods are immortal, but it isn't so. They don't die as we do from whooping cough and scarlet fever nor by being hit by stones. Such things don't affect them a bit. But if you doubt them a one time—if you stop believing in them, "honest Injin, cross my heart!"—if you listen to those who say that they don't exist, why they just vanish like bubbles and never do come back to YOU.

Formal giving is an empty shell, and frequently has a rattling sound.

Christmas

The earth has grown old with its burden of care.

But at Christmas it is always young; The heart of the jewel burns lustre and fair.

And its soul full of music breaks forth on the air.

When the song of the angel is sung,

It is coming, old earth, it is coming to night.

On the snowflakes that cover the sod The feet of the Christ Child fall gentle and white.

And the voice of the Christ Child tells out with delight

That mankind are the children of God, The feet of the humblest may walk in the field.

Where the feet of the holiest have trod;

This, this, is the marvel to mortals revealed.

When the silvery trumpets of Christmas have pealed

That mankind are the children of God,

—Philip Brooks,

Just 10 Days Till Christmas.

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Toys.

Our line of toys is the largest ever displayed in Elba. We have anything that you could ask for and at almost any price.

Dolls and Doll Buggies.

We have such a large stock of dolls that it is impossible to describe them here. Anything you want from the cheapest to the costliest dressed doll. We also have the doll buggies.

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We have a large supply of picture books, story books, etc., for the children, as well as a good selection of popular books for grown folks.

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Fountain Pens.

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Cut Glass.

Our line of Cut Glass can't be beat. Every piece suitable for a present that will be appreciated.

Perfume.

A nice bottle of perfume would please almost anyone. We have an extra large line in all odors.

Fine Candy.

We are exclusive agents for the celebrated Lowney's Candies, and have just received by express a big shipment of Christmas packages.

Fireworks.

Our stock of fireworks is the largest we ever had. We can save you money when you go to buy.

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Pudding, Hard Scones.
Vanilla Ice Cream in Glasses.
White Mountain Cake, Bonbons.
Crackers.
Coffee.

A CHRISTMAS IN WAR.

"Fighting Bob" Evans' Story of the "Christmas" of Fort Fisher.

"On Christmas morning," said Rear Admiral Evans, U. S. N., retired, "I thank God that I made three times as much water as land. No true sailor would exchange Christmas at sea for one on shore."

"Of all the Christmases spent at sea

the one that rises before me most vividly is that of 1865, when the Federal army and the gunboat fleet were trying to capture Fort Fisher. The only present we had was a box of chocolates, fast and furious, were sold short and short from the guns of the enemy. But this didn't destroy our sense of humor. The boys would write on each solid shot or shell before placing it in the gun, and then drop it over the side of the vessel from which it happened to be fired. Mighty few hundred at the fort that lacked this Christmas greeting. All the gunners caught the spirit of the grim jest, for the fighting line is a source for such fun.

"Upon the command of the force combat we managed to have the mastheads of all the ships trimmed with Christmas greens, even though the sailors had to risk their lives in going ashore to get them, and you may be assured the sentiment of the day was not wasted."

No nation provides more plentifully for the Christmas cheer of its sailors than does Uncle Sam. Each of the battleship crews has a dinner of roast turkey, ham, beans, biscuits, gravy and all the trimmings that go with it. The men are served in messes of twenty at 12 o'clock, and each man is allowed one snifter of grog as an appetizer in celebration of the occasion.

The men dine at 6 o'clock and, as is the custom when spending the holiday at sea, are guests of the commanding officer.

TO SEND WITH CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Calendars
May all the days
This Christmas year
"Red letters" be
To you my dear.
May all the jeweled beads
Upon the string
Be gold without alloy
This is my prayer for thee.

Handkerchiefs
Twelve bits of white fluff to my
My boudoir—
As many as months in the year.
Here no man's
Will hold for that lady a tear.

A Box of Cigars
Many a film of fairy fancy
Going up in smoke each year;
But, that is not all
What dream chrysalides are here.
—Doubtless.

THE HAYESSES' CHRISTMAS.

The President's Wife Herself Put Up
Delicate on the back.

Christie at the White House with
Mrs. Hayes as its mistress was a succession of Christian charities and joyful gatherings.

"William, I want you to buy forty turkeys, besides our own, and vegetables, pulses and fruit to go with them," she said to the steward one Christmastide.

The steward has told with pride how for four years he got the forty turkeys and how the madam came to the store-room, ran up her sleeves and found bags with cranberry sauce, pickles and small delicacies for the sick.

The Hayeses gave the home Christmas presents in an original way. All the gifts were taken from the family room, and for each person a box had on tables. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes distributed them. At the tap of a bell some one was called, and walking in, he received all his gifts. Each in turn came the same way.

The Tallest Holly Tree.

The American holly appears to attain its greatest size and perfection in southern Arkansas and Texas, where it is to be seen at times from forty to fifty feet high. In fact, it is a tree that grows naturally, however, along the south shore of Massachusetts among tulip trees, black oaks, red maples, cedars, etc., but not much northward of Hingham and Quincy.

The Little Boy Who Moved.

The fairies liked him when they came
To play their evening game.
They liked the old red farmhouse
Through.

They called him by name,
The little boy who moved,
But vain their questing proved,
So they made up their elfin minds

To find him a home.
Kris Kringle missed him when he came
Upon his reindeer ride.

He was not tall and low,
But not a trace he spied,
But still he keeps a lookout sharp

To live inside a man.

—Edinburgh Wilson in Judge

O Little Town of Bethlehem.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

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CHRISTMAS WOONING OF CUPID.

Mystic Love Spells With Apples In Foreign Lands.

Apples enter into many Christmas customs. In Sicily, for example, on Christmas Eve the apple must be cut in halves in the dark and without being touched by the hand. The left hand half is then placed in the bosom of the diviner and the right hand half behind the door of the house. The two halves, when joined, are said to have been fully cured and the spirit or "astral" of the beloved one appears standing beside the half which was laid behind the door.

Another custom is to plant two or more seeds in two seeds in each half. If the numbers are even marriage will be soon. If a seed is cut in two there will be trouble in the course of love, and should the seeds be cut there will be no wedlock.

A Sicilian maiden throws the fruit from her window into the street and watches. Should it lie long without being picked up she will be widowed soon. If a man picks up an apple he will be wedded before the next year is ended.

On Christmas Day.
How with it down, the coming
Christmas day.
A Northern Christmas such as paint
And a frosty day.
And a frosty, shaking hands but
once a year,
And a frosty who tell old legends by
the fire,
Red sun, blue sky, white snow and
Keen, ringing air, which sets the
blood on fire,
And a frosty old man merry with
the young.
Through the short sunshine through
In whatever gulf or bay or end,
Come fate come out, 'twill still be
Christmas day.
—Charles Kingsley.

MEMORABLE YULETIDES.

Odd Coincidences of Queen Victoria's Sorrows at Christmas Time.

One of the most extraordinary Christmas days London ever had was that of 1890. The shops had been, as usual, decorated and prepared and adorned with the subtlety and magnificence of buyers when suddenly on Dec. 22, a thick fog came on. Not until the evening of Dec. 26 did it lift. This particular fog held the record for being the most dense and thick fog ever recorded.

Christmas, 1890, was the coldest England and Scotland had ever experienced. Just three years later Christmas Day was marked by news that William Makepeace Thackeray, the great novelist, was dead.

The late Queen Victoria's most memorable Christmases were the most pathetic. It was in less than a fortnight in December, 1861, that her husband, the Prince Consort, died. So affected was her majesty that she allowed fifteen years to pass before she celebrated Christmas day in the traditional fashion. Then on Christmas day in 1872 the Prince of Wales, who became King Edward VII., was so ill that his life was despaired of. But he made a remarkable recovery.

USE MOST CHRISTMAS CANDY.

Several Million Dollars' Worth Sold to New Yorkers.

Three million dollars' worth of Christmas candies is New York city's annual holiday bill.

The amount of money spent by New Yorkers during the holidays for candy alone is so great that it is out of proportion to the amount of money for charity until it is remembered that perhaps one-third or more of all the candy bought during the last half of December is given away by secular and religious societies, by Sunday schools, etc., and that consequently a large part of the sum belongs to the charity account.

Three or four New York manufacturers get the bulk of this class of orders, and they agree that, even taking the population of the city into account, New York's consumption of candy exceeds that of any other city.

CHRISTMAS IN NORWAY.

Ricly Cooked Rice a Popular Dish.

Brownies Used to Share the Holly. In olden times in Norway the holly days really begin. It is customary to have richly cooked rice served with milk or fruit juice for dinner. In the tureen is a blanched almond, and he who gets that is sure to be lucky. It is also customary for the peasants to set out a dish of this Christmas rice in the barn for the gnomes or brownies, whom they thought would do some good turn for them in payment.

Festivals always make a home look festive, and the custom in Norway is to send these as messengers of love at Christmas.

The Masqueraders.

Yes, there are in Santa Claus, In elves and gnomes, I've never seen them, but because Of lovely things they do.

Their names are Joy and Tenderness. And they With Elves on Earth. Their mission is to ease distress With happiness and mirth. And when they dress as fairy folk, In full gay apparel they go. They think it just a pie-sant joke To come in masquerade. —John Kendrick Bangs.

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The giver is the best gift after
all.

Santa Claus is dead to those of
unbelief.

The gift without the giver is of
little value.

Why don't some body in
Elba have Bibles to sell?

The spirit of Santa Claus is
the spirit of Christ, the giving
spirit.

The year of 1911 began with
Sunday and will end with Sun-
day—an unusual occurrence.

Could you not show Santa Claus
the way to some little Child's
humble home?

It does not take an expensive
gift to express a loving remem-
berance.

The human heart though small
should contain a world wide love
for humanity.

Christmas is a good time to
ask yourself: What have I given to
the world.

It would be a fine thing, hu-
bands, to make your wife pres-
ents of few kind words this
Christmas.

Don't rob a child of the joys of
Christmas. Mr. Knowall, by
breaking down his confidence in
good old Santa.

Perhaps none of us now living
will ever see another year with
fifty-three Sundays but this year
has that number.

The devil has sought out many
inventions, and the Christmas
egg nor flip, or family drama is
one of them.

Those who say Santa Claus is
an imaginary being, might also
say Jesus Christ is an imaginary
being—another untruth—Santa
Claus is real.

In the birth of Christ we have,
too, the expression of good will to
man. The whole world is brought
together in loving communion.

Men catch a true conception of
their relationship. They are in-
spired with feelings of love and
helpfulness for one another.

They want to give something as
an evidence of this new life.

They learn the philosophy of
genuine happiness. They realize
the brotherhood of man and the
fatherhood of God. They think
more of others and less of self.
They catch the spirit of giving, of
good will to men.

It is highly fitting that the
birth day of the Savior should be
observed as a time for gifts. It
is not a heathen holiday to be
celebrated with unbecoming and
wicked customs, with drunken-
ness, disorder, and riotous amuse-
ments, but it is the day of all
days to be respected and cher-
ished as a day of pure thoughts,
pious deeds, and peaceful living.

No person who has an intel-
ligent conception of the meaning
of Christmas to the world will
want to celebrate the occasion by
revelry and drunkenness. They
will rather observe with sacred
awe the time as the birth day of
their best friend, the mighty God,
the Prince of Peace.

The State Executive Committee
of the democratic party will meet
tomorrow in Birmingham, to con-
sider the question of primary or
convention for making nomina-
tion by the party next year. It is
most likely they will decide in
favor of the primary. There is a
general demand for a primary,
and if the committee should fail
to order a primary, there will be
wide spread dissatisfaction in the
party.

We observe that Hon. Henry
B. Steagall, a plausible candidate
for congress against Congressman
Clayton, is strongly in favor of a
primary, and he says that Under-
wood should not hesitate to de-
clare in favor of the primary for
the election of delegates to the
national convention. The Clip-
per heartily endorses the suggestion.

Christmas-Peace On

Earth-Good Will.

There is no time of the year
more joyous and happy than the
Christmas time. It is the glad-
some period for old and young.
The depth of its meaning to the
world is inexpressible. We cele-
brate the day as the birthday of
the Savior of men. It means a
gift to the world; the expression
of an unspeakable love for the
poor, fallen humanity.

As the shepherds watched their
flocks, the glorious announcement
came, heralding to the world the
good news that a savior was born,
and the angels sang in sweetest
melody the world had ever heard:

"Glory to God in the highest;
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Jesus Christ came into the
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Then we are told that he did not
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BITTER AFFIDAVITS OF PROMINENT ALABAMIANS

Read At Col. Bowman's Meeting Anent Gov. O'Neal
Friday Night at Birmingham.

Friday night at the Jefferson Theatre, the former friend of Gov. O'Neal renewed his charges against the governor and made additional accusations, charging that Gov. O'Neal had sold himself to the corporations and agreed to support them against labor. Birmingham Ledger says:

Mr. Bowman submitted affidavits sworn to by Dr. G. B. Crowe and M. W. Howard on this feature of his subject, and also submitted an affidavit by Dr. G. B. Crowe in which the affiant told of a conversation held with Mr. Harding on the subject of O'Neal's attitude to corporations and labor.

Campaign Funds.

Affidavits were submitted by C. W. Austin in which the affiant told of a statement made to him by J. W. Altman concerning the raising of certain moneys for the campaign in Lauderdale County. Affidavits by C. L. Haley and C. H. Price of Florence, in which affiants swore that Emmet O'Neal had not turned in a cent to them for the campaign fund in Lauderdale County, were also submitted. Mr. Bowman declared that Governor O'Neal told him that he had collected the money.

The speaker referred to his charges recently made concerning the governor's mansion matter. He said he had charged that the furnishings were not the same as were sold to the state. He declared that since his speech Mr. Sabel, from whom the mansion was purchased, had returned certain amounts to the state.

Mr. Bowman declared that O'Neal, by his action since becoming governor, should be impeached and he declared that the governor did not dare to call an extra session of the legislature for fear that he would be impeached. He said that he had invited Mr. O'Neal and Mr. Harding to be present at the meeting.

The crowd applauded each thrust made at the governor, and when Mr. Bowman suggested that O'Neal should step down and allow Walter Sead to take charge of the governor's chair there was a long outburst of applause.

The affidavits submitted by Mr. Bowman follows:

M. W. Howard's Affidavit.

"The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Personally appeared before me M. W. Howard, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says: About the 16th day of November, 1911, I was requested by Dr. C. B. Crowe to go with him and Col. P. G. Bowman to the office of Mr. W. P. G. Harding in the First National Bank building for the purpose of reading a paper signed by Emmet O'Neal early in the spring of 1911. Said Howard and said Bowman went with affiant to the office of the said Harding, and affiant in the presence of the said Howard and the said Bowman, requested Mr. Harding to produce the paper which he had offered to allow affiant to read in the spring of 1911. Affiant explained to Mr. Harding that the paper he desired Mr. Harding to produce was the one in which Emmet O'Neal had pledged himself to stand with the corporations and against the men in case there should be a strike or labor trouble in Alabama; at this request Harding at first replied that he did not have in his possession such a paper, whereupon affiant reminded Harding that he had sent for affiant in the spring of 1910 and had offered to let him read it, and said Harding then looked down at the floor for about 30 seconds, making no reply, but at the end of that time raised his head and stated to affiant, in the presence of Colonel Bowman and Mr. Howard, that he had such a paper, but that he had destroyed it, whereupon Colonel Bowman advised Mr. Harding not to make that statement to any one else, as they would not believe him. Mr. Harding then stated that he had kept said paper until after the primary election was over and then destroyed it, whereupon Colonel Bowman stated to Mr. Harding that no one would believe that statement for the reason that Emmet O'Neal could not serve the corporations while he was a candidate, and could only serve them after he had become governor of Alabama. Mr. Harding again reiterated:

"I went with the above named gentleman to the office of Mr. Harding and Dr. Crowe in the presence and hearing of Colonel Bowman and myself, requested Mr. Harding to produce the paper which he had offered to allow him (Dr. Crowe) to read in the spring of 1910. Dr. Crowe explained to Mr. Harding that the paper he referred to was the one in which O'Neal had pledged himself to stand with the corporations and against men in case there should be strikes or labor troubles in Alabama during his administration.

"Mr. Harding replied that he had no such paper in his posse-

"I no longer have the paper which you desire to see, because I have destroyed it."

"G. B. Crowe.

"State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Personally appeared before me the undersigned authority, Gratton B. Crowe, who by me being first duly sworn, deposes and says that the above and foregoing statement is true and correct."

"JOHN N. VINCENT,
"Notary Public and Ex-Officio
J. P.

Another affidavit of Dr. G. B. Crowe.

"State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Personally appeared before me Gratton B. Crowe, who being duly sworn, deposes and says that early in the spring of 1910, he was president of the Yolanda Coal company and several other coal companies in Birmingham district, that he was then working at the various mines under his control in the neighborhood of a thousand men; that about this time Emmet O'Neal was a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor of Alabama."

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"After some 30 seconds of profound meditation Mr. Harding stated that he had destroyed the paper in question.

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BITTER AFFIDAVITS OF PROMINENT ALABAMIANS

Read At Col. Bowman's Meeting Anent Gov. O'Neal
Friday Night at Birmingham.

Friday night at the Jefferson Theatre, the former friend of Gov. O'Neal renewed his charges against the governor and made additional accusations, charging that Gov. O'Neal had sold himself to the corporations and agreed to support them against labor. Birmingham Ledger says:

Mr. Bowman submitted affidavits sworn to by Dr. G. B. Crowe and M. W. Howard on this feature of his subject, and also submitted an affidavit by Dr. G. B. Crowe in which the affiant told of a conversation held with Mr. Harding on the subject of O'Neal's attitude to corporations and labor.

Campaign Funds.

Affidavits were submitted by C. W. Austin in which the affiant told of a statement made to him by J. W. Altman concerning the raising of certain moneys for the campaign in Lauderdale County. Affidavits by C. L. Haley and C. H. Price of Florence, in which affiants swore that Emmet O'Neal had not turned in a cent to them for the campaign fund in Lauderdale County, were also submitted. Mr. Bowman declared that Governor O'Neal told him that he had collected the money.

The speaker referred to his charges recently made concerning the governor's mansion matter. He said he had charged that the furnishings were not the same as were sold to the state. He declared that since his speech Mr. Sabel, from whom the mansion was purchased, had returned certain amounts to the state.

Mr. Bowman declared that O'Neal, by his action since becoming governor, should be impeached and he declared that the governor did not dare to call an extra session of the legislature for fear that he would be impeached. He said that he had invited Mr. O'Neal and Mr. Harding to be present at the meeting.

The crowd applauded each thrust made at the governor, and when Mr. Bowman suggested that O'Neal should step down and allow Walter Sead to take charge of the governor's chair there was a long outburst of applause.

The affidavits submitted by Mr. Bowman follows:

M. W. Howard's Affidavit.

"The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Personally appeared before me M. W. Howard, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says: About the 16th day of November, 1911, I was requested by Dr. C. B. Crowe to go with him and Col. P. G. Bowman to the office of Mr. W. P. G. Harding in the First National Bank building for the purpose of reading a paper signed by Emmet O'Neal early in the spring of 1911. Said Howard and said Bowman went with affiant to the office of the said Harding, and affiant in the presence of the said Howard and the said Bowman, requested Mr. Harding to produce the paper which he had offered to allow affiant to read in the spring of 1910. Affiant explained to Mr. Harding that the paper he desired Mr. Harding to produce was the one in which Emmet O'Neal had pledged himself to stand with the corporations and against the men in case there should be a strike or labor trouble in Alabama; at this request Harding at first replied that he did not have in his possession such a paper, whereupon affiant reminded Harding that he had sent for affiant in the spring of 1910 and had offered to let him read it, and said Harding then looked down at the floor for about 30 seconds, making no reply, but at the end of that time raised his head and stated to affiant, in the presence of Colonel Bowman and Mr. Howard, that he had such a paper, but that he had destroyed it, whereupon Colonel Bowman advised Mr. Harding not to make that statement to any one else, as they would not believe him. Mr. Harding then stated that he had kept said paper until after the primary election was over and then destroyed it, whereupon Colonel Bowman stated to Mr. Harding that no one would believe that statement for the reason that Emmet O'Neal could not serve the corporations while he was a candidate, and could only serve them after he had become governor of Alabama. Mr. Harding again reiterated:

"I went with the above named gentleman to the office of Mr. Harding and Dr. Crowe in the presence and hearing of Colonel Bowman and myself, requested Mr. Harding to produce the paper which he had offered to allow him (Dr. Crowe) to read in the spring of 1910. Dr. Crowe explained to Mr. Harding that the paper he referred to was the one in which O'Neal had pledged himself to stand with the corporations and against men in case there should be strikes or labor troubles in Alabama during his administration.

"Mr. Harding replied that he had no such paper in his posse-

"I no longer have the paper which you desire to see, because I have destroyed it."

"G. B. Crowe.

"State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Personally appeared before me the undersigned authority, Gratton B. Crowe, who by me being first duly sworn, deposes and says that the above and foregoing statement is true and correct."

"JOHN N. VINCENT,
"Notary Public and Ex-Officio
J. P.

Another affidavit of Dr. G. B. Crowe.

"State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Personally appeared before me Gratton B. Crowe, who being duly sworn, deposes and says that early in the spring of 1910, he was president of the Yolanda Coal company and several other coal companies in Birmingham district, that he was then working at the various mines under his control in the neighborhood of a thousand men; that about this time Emmet O'Neal was a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor of Alabama."

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"After some 30 seconds of profound meditation Mr. Harding stated that he had destroyed the paper in question.

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BY A STATESMAN.

CHAMP CLARK, Speaker of the House of Representatives: I am a strong believer in Santa Claus. I got much pleasure out of him when I was a youngster. My children have enjoyed him, and I hope all other people's children to derive all the pleasure and fun from life. I am opposed to abolishing Santa Claus or any myth which affords pleasure to the little folks, and old folks too. I remember that my Christmases on a farm in the Mississippi valley were the happiest days of my life. We boys used to have a great time, and the big killing time with Christmas, when we grew tired and had great fun visiting them. They sound like cannon. We all had pistols and homemade pyramids and whistles and enjoyed many simple pleasures on Christmas. If we were to abolish Santa Claus it is hard to tell where we would stop.

BY A SETTLEMENT WORKER.

MISS JANE ADDAMS of Hull House: The belief in Santa Claus should be encouraged in children. I think the idea a very pretty one, and not for the world would I try to discourage it. The chief value of it lies in giving children an idea of the kindly spirit that walks abroad at Christmas time. All the children in the neighborhood of Hull House believe in Santa Claus. We enter into a conspiracy with their mothers and take the trees to their homes after they are asleep. Then they come next day to the trees and gravely tell us all about the mysterious visitor. The children could look into the big, wondering eyes of Hull House. They get utilitarian views soon enough. I think the belief in Santa Claus is a good influence in the lives of children. It is a very pretty way of expressing to them the Christmas spirit, and the longer they keep up the belief the better.

BY A SENATOR.

SHELBY M. CULLOM, United States Senator from Illinois: Of course I believe in Santa Claus, and I am old enough to be him myself. Santa is much better to the young folks now than he is in my day. I am glad to get a few pieces of candy for Christmas and a simple gift. I believe in Santa Claus so strongly that I am going to entertain my granddaughter and her two children at Christmas. I am going to have a Christmas tree and let Santa trim it for the little girls, and I expect they will be delighted with the presents he brings them, as they have been good girls.

BY A LABOR LEADER.

MRS. RAYMOND ROHRS, President National Women's Trade Union League: Do I believe in Santa Claus? Most certainly. I do with all my heart. I was brought up in a Kris Kringle atmosphere, but the name doesn't matter. In our home the windows were thrown wide and we let in the Christmas spirit. I do not suppose that it was imaginative or less imaginative than other children. I do not recall that I ever regarded the Christmas tree as anything other than an expression of the Christmas spirit. But I love the idea and can enjoy it now as much as when I was a little girl. I have nothing but sympathy with those who want to do away with all illusions. The doing away with illusions is doing away with a fundamental fact in life. The longer we can remain children in the life of mystery anyway, and in that respect we growups do not differ from them. We know down and ask for things with that same faith the children show when they write their little letters to Santa Claus. We cannot understand any more than they can, but we feel and hope and are comforted. The idea is very beautiful and should be encouraged. Every little illusion that makes for happiness is good for children and growups alike.

BY A MAYER.

CARTER H. HARRISON, Mayor of Chicago: I believe in Santa Claus. I used to believe in Santa Claus. My Christmas spirit comes back to me every day, and my faith in the old gentle saint depends upon what he slips into my stocking at the primaries. Every man who has the right spark of youth in him believes in Santa Claus, and the older he grows the more he cherishes these traditions of the cold and joy of childhood. I believe in the old and simple as well as the music, paintings, flowers, stories, literature, laughter, song, good cheer, fellowship. I like to believe in everything that is the expression of a beautiful sentiment. There's nothing like keeping the fountains of youth eternally bubbling in one's heart, and that's why I believe in old Santa.

BY AN ACTRESS.

MARGARET ILLINGTON: It wasn't so much the fact that it was Christmas that delighted me when I was a child, but it was the record of old Santa Claus. I was always the little fairy who distributed the gifts, and it always pleased me more to watch the expressions on the children's faces when I'd hand them a doll or something. I'm as young now as I was then, for I love to go to Christmas parties yet. My, what wouldn't I give for a good old fashioned Christmas? Of course I believe in Santa Claus!

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ELBA, ALA., DEC. 19, 1911.

Christmas should be the most
peaceful time of the year.

Give to the world, and it gives
back to you, is a truism.

Every home in the County
should read the Clipper. It gives
the county news.

Cast your bread upon the
waters, and the waters will bring
shiploads of happiness in return
to you. It is the best investment.

The world measures us by what
we do. They cannot know what
we are in any other way. Doves
are the living witnesses.

Kyle B. Price has rough sailing
in his Congressional baton the
very first thing.—Florala Demo-
crat.

The management of the Clipper
deserves much praise for their
faithful and able work in publish-
ing this issue of the paper,
and at the same time doing the
other regular work of the office.

This is the opportunity to de-
velop the spirit of giving and to
give it some needed cultivation.
The product of such a spirit is
genuine happiness. Try this and
see for yourself.

It does not require much proof
to substantiate the charges made
by P. G. Bowman against Gov.
O'Neal; the people of Alabama
have much of the proof already.

Coffee County was represented
in the Coro Contest last week,
and Steven Rowe, son of S. M.
Rowe, was the successful contes-
tant. He made 55 bushels of corn
on one acre.

Why should not Coffee County
boys make as much corn next year
as the boys in other counties? Let
some one reach 150 bushels mark
next year. Our lands cannot be
excelled in productivity.

If Peyton G. Bowman had the
power to remove from office Gov.
O'Neal, the people of the state
would then be relieved of two
unworthy officers, and each would
enjoy the privilege of deposing
the other.

Farmers are asked to reduce
cotton acreage as a remedy for
the low price of cotton. They
is regarded as the universal
enemy of mankind. Perhaps there
is more bloodshed, disease, dis-
tress and death caused by the
liquor traffic than by any other
agency in the world.

There is a strong and growing
sentiment in favor of universal
peace.

Read the Clipper ADS, and see
where you can get bargains in
your Christmas shopping.

World Wide Prohibition

The liquor traffic is becoming a
world wide question. Like was,
it is regarded as the universal
enemy of mankind. Perhaps there
is more bloodshed, disease, dis-
tress and death caused by the
liquor traffic than by any other
agency in the world.

The Hague Conference has
exerted a world wide influence in
favor of world wide peace, and
through the influence of the teach-
ers of the Bible, the nations of the
earth are denouncing war as un-
christian and barbarous. Treaties
of peace between the nations of the world are being
signed, and wars and "rumors of
wars" threaten to cease among
the Christian nations of the earth.

But while universal peace is
being agitated, the Hague Conference
is aiding in a world wide
prohibition movement, and the
nations and governments of the
world are memorized to aid in
suppression the iniquitous liquor
traffic.

Those who object to it say
it will work like this: The north
and east will come down and say,
"We helped you follow finance
your cotton crop. We want Har-
mon nominated. You people see
that your delegates vote first for
Underwood and after that for
the other."

"Resolved, That this Conference
be most respectfully but urgent-

Peyton G. Bowman now charges
Gov. O'Neal with an open sale of
himself to the corporate interests
of the state. Whether he belongs
to the corporations by bill sale is
not certain, but he is a faithful
servant of them for some reason.

Hon. Kyle B. Price is an avow-
ed candidate for Congressman at
Large. After the primary is
called Mr Price says he will make
a campaign over the state and
will let the people know where he
stands on all national issues.

Don't fail to read the nice
"Ads" in this issue of the Clip-
per.

Gov. O'Neal and Bowman Charges.

Bowman has repeatedly charged
Gov. O'Neal with corrupt and dis-
graceful conduct, and has sub-
mitted affidavits of prominent
men in Alabama as to the correct-
ness of these grave charges, and
notwithstanding these facts the
governor refuses to deny them.

His persistent silence in the face
of these serious and notorious
charges can only imply a sense of
guilt. If Bowman and these af-
fidavits were wilfully stating and
swearing falsehoods in this matter
they would be subject to severe
penalties under the law and, liable
to big damage suits for libel, and
it would not be dignified in the
governor to enforce the law
against them. There are laws in
Alabama to punish men for libel
and perjury, and the governor's
acusers could be punished if they
are guilty.

If, however, they are telling the
truth on the governor of the state,
he ought to be impeached and re-
moved from office as too unworthy
and corrupt to hold it.

If he is not guilty, it certainly
would not be undignified in him
to publish a written statement
denying the truthfulness of these
grave charges and branding them
as malicious falsehoods. The
people of the state are going to
give credence to these accusations
if Mr O'Neal continues his present
saying nothing policy. He owes it
to the fame of the great state
of Alabama to do more than keep
silent in the face of these charges.

Under a new law the County
Superintendent of Education is
required to personally supervise
the public schools, that is, he is
required to go into these schools
and see what is being done and
make suggestions from time to
time as to the work. He is also
required to stimulate and encourage
neighbor would be glad to have it. No other
present can beat it. Have you ever tried
it? Lots of people brag on the present.
Try it this year. We write a letter and tell
the donee about its being sent, and where
the donor is willing, who sent it. You can
bring the money or send it by mail, money
order, check or most any old way—the im-
portant thing is not how to send it but be-
ing sure to do it. Do it now before you for-
get it, tell who you want the paper to go to
and the postoffice and route. Address all
letters to

Wants To Hang More.

While the question of abolishing
hanging in Alabama is under-
discussion, let us say that it
would be a capital idea to abolish
capital punishment in Alabama—
Elba Clipper.

We shall say not, for, as
is very well known, nothing scares
mankind so much as the thought
of premature death. Just let us
abolish capital punishment in
Alabama, and though the state
of affairs is bad enough as it is, it
would be very much worse.

Now we say let's hang a few more
of the murderers—Samson
Leger.

But, brother, do you think it is
morally right to take life for life?
That is the old, unchristian
doctrine, "an eye for an eye, tooth
for a tooth" etc., but Christ
taught differently.

Read the Clipper ADS, and see
where you can get bargains in
your Christmas shopping.

Elba Public School Vacates Tomorrow.

Our worthy and able Superin-
tendent of Elba Public Schools
tells us that the Elba School will
vacate tomorrow for Christmas,
and will resume work again on
the 2nd day of January. There
will be a little over one week only
of vacation, but that is long
enough for every one to spend a
happy Christmas and New Year.

We desire to say that this term
of our Public School is the best in
its history. The work of the
Superintendent and teachers is of
a high character, and the results
of their labors are most satisfac-
tory to the patrons of the school.

The Clipper wishes for the
superintendent, teachers and
pupils, a merry, happy Christmas.

"Resolved, That this Conference
be most respectfully but urgent-

One Hundred and Three

Presents For A Dollar.

ELBA CLIPPER ADVERTISING

There are lots of nice presents ad-
vertised in this paper—the sort you will not
make any mistake in buying. Of course
you will buy lots of them. One bunch of
presents is always given by a good many
people—the sort that last all through the
year—two a week till they come to Christ-
mas again, and amount in all to a hundred
and three presents. Nor are these presents
expensive—they only cost a dollar—a silver
dollar, four quarters, two halves, ten dimes,
a money order, a dollar bill, or a check.

And this bunch of a hundred and three
presents are good presents—the sort that
make the person who gets them and keeps
on getting them all through the year think
kindly of the giver every time he gets one.
What can these presents be? Simply The
Elba Clipper, Twice Every Week, Except
Christmas Week (it only comes once then)
for a whole year. That relative, friend or
neighbor would be glad to have it. No other
present can beat it. Have you ever tried
it? Lots of people brag on the present.
Try it this year. We write a letter and tell
the donee about its being sent, and where
the donor is willing, who sent it. You can
bring the money or send it by mail, money
order, check or most any old way—the im-
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ing sure to do it. Do it now before you for-
get it, tell who you want the paper to go to
and the postoffice and route. Address all
letters to

Twice-A-Week-Clipper, Elba, Alabama.

Elba Public School Vacates Tomorrow.

The enrollment of our school
this fall has gone far beyond the
expectation of the board of Trustees.
One hundred twenty four have
matriculated in the High School
department, and one hundred
sixteen in the lower grades. It is
one of the ordinary to have more
in the High School than in the
intermediate and the primary de-
partments. This, however, is easily
accounted for as the good reputa-
tion of the school is well known
all over the Country. There are
thirty six boys and girls in the
tenth grade. This, perhaps, is
the largest tenth grad since the
establishment of the school in
1900.

The superintendent reports one
spelling class in the lower grades
as making remarkable progress.
He states that during a whole
week only one word was missed
out of a class of fourteen, two
recitations every day. These
children are, no doubt, required
by their parents, to study at
home; all of which shows conclusively
that it is not the fault of
teacher when the pupil is not ad-
vancing as rapidly as the majority of
the pupils.

I shall go to A. E. A. at Bir-
mingham in April. Let the teach-
ers begin now to save back some-
thing and go to the school.

Luther Thoms at Hulen Head
has induced 17 boys to join the
Corn Club. A visit there reveals
the fact that they have a fine
school and will soon build a
handsome school house.

This morning I saw a patent
desk leaving town for Warren
and Pleasant Ridge schools.
These are good schools and have
good teachers. They should see
me and get Hyloplate black
board.

Teachers should not allow
anyone to have any more
than one half of the heart that
speaks from the to me.

It takes hard study and very
close application to become a
scholar.

The following from the Progress-
ive Teacher deserves notice:
Keep high ideals constantly be-
fore your pupils. Teach them

5 or 6 doses "666" will cure any
Case of Chills and Fever. Price
25c.

Locals-Personals

State Examination of
Teachers.

Prof. G. C. Bowden is here.

Sheriff J. D. Stewart is here on
business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. McKinnon
have a fine little girl.

Dont fail to see Uncle Mose at
the Auditorium Thursday night.

Miss Olive Rainier is at home for
the holidays.

Mr. Tommie Adams, of Opp, is
here.

Judge H. A. Pearce, of Dothan,
is here today.

Miss Pearl Hutchinson is visit-
ing relatives at Hartford.

Mr. M. C. Russ went to Dothan
Sunday.

Don't fail to read every Christ-
mas "AD" in the Clipper. It wil
pay you.

Mr. E. Vaughan and family,
of Eufaula, are here visiting.

Mr. Chas. Dorriety of Union
Springs is now with the Clipper.

Be sure and see Aunt Dinah at
the auditorium Thursday night.

The regular Teachers' Examina-
tion is being held regularly on the third
Mondays in April, July, and Decem-
ber, and may continue for three
years. The requirements certifi-
cates are very strict, both as to the
branches required to be taught and the rules for taking
these examinations.

The County Superintendents
have the personal control or con-
duct of the examinations in their
respective counties.

The examination is being held
in one of the teacher's rooms
of the public school building and
is plenty of it. It keeps us from
mischievous; it is good health and
spirits, and it gives us a sense of
power and independence better
than money and fashion—L. A. A.

The following are the applicants
who are standing the examination:
Misses Victoria Kilcrease, Laura
Maddie Edwards, Flora
Hutchison, Naomi Motley, Arris
D. Faifer, Dora Kaisar, Violin
Morris, Mary Parish, Charles
Ruder, Mrs. Claude Riley, and
Messrs. Lester Whaley, R. E.
Lotherman, Ralph Reason, Louis
Swallow, L. H. Hudman, W. H.
Davis, Arcus Bryan, Herbert
Hudson, J. H. Wise, Alvin Martin,
J. T. Daniel, R. M. Corlett, W. J.
Farris and Lenman Jackson.

Mr. J. T. Carmichael, of Mont-
gomery, was here last week.

Misses F. P. and Y. W.
Rainier and Miss Sue Rainier went
to Troy today.

Bro. C. O. Holmes, has mailed
out the minutes of the Coffee
County Baptist Association.

Messrs. J. P. Blocker, R. S.
Jeffcoat, and A. Z. Bryan, of Opp,
were here Sunday.

I shall from week to week
through the kindness of the ed-
itors furnish educational notes to
the two papers. The matter will
consist of notices to trustees and
teachers, originals, and clippings from
the best educational jour-
nals. Teachers should write me
often and let me know how and
what they are doing. They should
strive to keep the school tone
high and keep everything in good
working order.

It is the announced intention of
the Department to kill the practice
in its infancy, and all postoffices
are warned against soliciting
or permitting employees of their
offices to solicit business for liquor
dealers. No postmaster or post-
office employee should give in-
formation to liquor dealers or
others for the purpose of obtaining
commissions on money orders.

It would be so much better for
some people to not waste quite so
much money Xmas and pay
their poll tax. It is said to think
a white man will sacrifice his
citizenship for \$1.50.

The plucky little people down
at Cool Springs had to raise \$85,
50 supplement. They got their
heads together and paid their
monies on the first part of con-
tract and made contract with me
this year. That is they paid
their \$50 for the first
month and \$85,50 on the second.
Why can't some other people do
something?

The rural letter carriers are warned
not to solicit business or act as
agent for any person, firm or cor-
poration. The notice to them by
the Fourth Assistant Postmaster
General is more specific.

"It has come to the attention of
the Postmaster General that rural
carriers in some instances have
offered to act as representatives
of liquor houses for a commis-
sion upon business secured. Under
section 93 of the rural delivery
instructions carriers are strictly
prohibited from such course and a
violation of the regulations in this
particular renders a carrier liable
to severe disciplinary action or re-
moval. Postmasters are enjoined
to see that carriers are not de-
ceived as to the false statement
carried in the columns of the
Washington Post to the effect
that Southern Democrats, to
raise money for low prices in cotton,
were trying to raise the price
of the Northern farmer, but
primarily, he wants to know why
the government has not directed
some procedure against

USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

We have a real dry goods establishment, and a full line of all goods that go to make up a dry goods store that is up-to-date. You will find many articles that will be useful Christmas presents, and at the same time, will be of service to the recipient. In many of the different lines of goods that we handle, we have bought anew, especially for the holiday trade, and we know that we have goods that will please you as to quality and price. We would be pleased to have you take a look at our stock of goods before buying elsewhere. Get our prices and then we are sure of a sale.

Below we give you a list of a few articles that we have that would make gifts of usefulness and something that will be appreciated.

Shoes.

Edwin Clapp and Sachs, are among our leading brands of shoes in the higher priced lines. We have a full line of the above brands, and can fit and please you in shoes.

Trunks and Bags.

Trunks, suitcases and bags, a full stock, and the prices are right.

Hats.

We sell the famous Stetson hat, also the Bonar and Gotham. All the different shapes and colors.

Neckwear.

A new tie will make a nice Xmas present. We have them in the latest styles, and will put them in the regular Xmas boxes.

Overcoats.

Over-stocked on overcoats, and must sell them at some prices. We have them in prices ranging from \$8.50 to \$20.00.

Shirts.

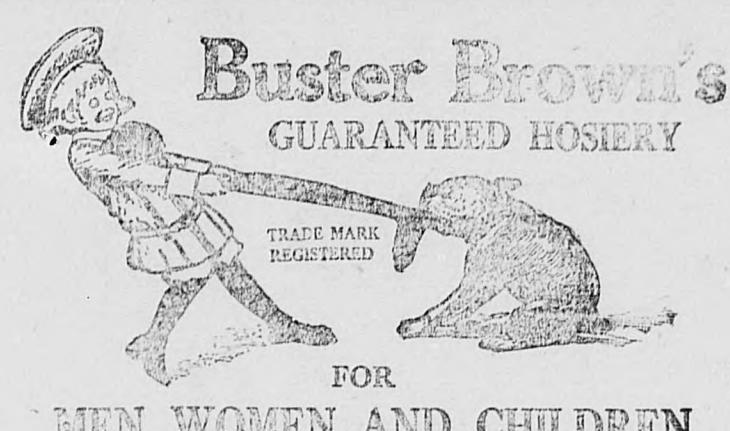
Shirts, in prices ranging from \$2.50 down to 25c each. We have the exclusive sale for the famous Manhattan line for this town.

Clothing.

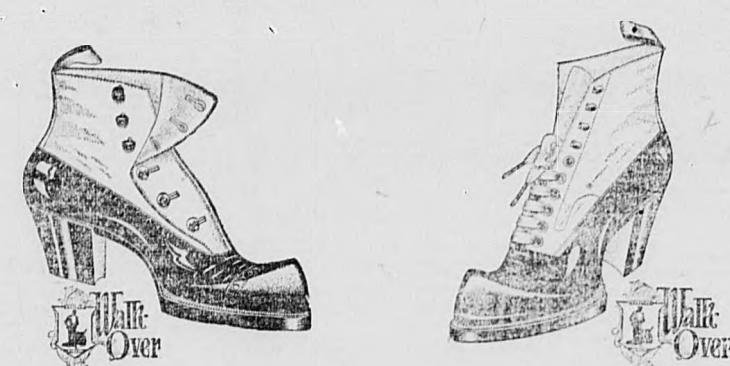
We have a complete line of clothing in boys and mens suits and pants. The cheapest thing about them is the price.

Blankets and Comforts.

A nice pair of wool blankets will make a nice Christmas present. We have a full line of comforts also.



FOR HEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN



We have the exclusive agency for the famous

Walk-Over Shoes For Men.

Our stock of these Shoes is complete in every respect. We have the very latest styles out, in any kind of leather you might want, in prices from \$3.50 to \$5.00. A pair would make a nice Xmas present for any man.

Rugs and Art Squares.

A beautiful line of rugs for the holiday trade. Also matting art squares and matting rugs.

DRESS GOODS, TRIMMINGS, ETC.

We have a complete line of dress goods, consisting of Silks, Satins and Serges of all grades and colors. We also carry a complete line of trimmings, buttons and linings to match. This entire department is full in all the different lines of dress goods and we are sure we can please you.

We take this opportunity to thank our many friends and customers for their liberal patronage in the past, and we hope to have the pleasure of serving you more in the future. We wish you a Merry Christmas and happy new year.

Vaughn & Kendrick.

South Side Square.

Elba, Alabama.

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POLITICAL POT

BEGINS BOILING.

State Committee Called Convention and Primary at Meeting in Birmingham.

The 1912 campaign has opened in dead earnest with the meeting Wednesday of the State Committee. The Committee, after much debate, ordered a convention to be held to name delegates to the National Convention; there was a warm fight over this. The Committee also ordered convention to name supreme court judges. On all other offices the primary will rule, and one primary for state and county officers was ordered. The primary will be held on April 1st, and the State Convention on April 15.

The basis of representation in the Convention will be voting strength, a vast difference from the old plan. It will be recalled that this plan was indorsed by the last state convention, which put the plank offered by the Coffee delegation in the platform. Under this plan Coffee and other white counties in this section will have a large representation in the convention. Coffee County last convention sent a double delegation, consisting of two delegates to each vote, and managed to get seats for them. In the future this will not have to be done, but counties with big voting strength will have big delegations.

As is customary after the state committee acts, the County Executive Committee has been called to meet in Coffee on December 20th, at Elba. It is likely that arrangements will be made at this meeting for nomination of County Officers.

Committee Resolutions.

Below is the call for primary and convention adopted by the state committee.

"Be it resolved, That a general primary election shall be held by the democratic and conservative party of Alabama in all the counties of this state on Monday, the 1st day of April, 1912, for the nomination of a congressman-at-large, a congressman from each congressional district, a representative of the railroad commission, a state game and fish commissioner, three presidential electors from the state at large and one from each congressional district; six delegates from the state at large and two from each congressional district who will register the will of the democrats of Alabama in their choice of a presidential candidate as expressed in said primary election; and for all other state, circuit, district, county and precinct offices to be filled in the general election in November, 1912. The name of any candidate for the democratic nomination for president may be placed upon the ballot upon a petition therefor signed by 500 qualified democratic electors, being filed with the chairman of the committee at least sixty days before each primary election, and the candidate for president receiving the highest number of votes in such primary shall be declared to be the choice of the democracy of Alabama and be given the support and votes of the delegates to the national convention so long as his name remains before such national convention. Delegates to Convention.

"Be it further resolved, That

the chairman of this committee is directed to appoint from among members who, with the chairman of this committee as chairman, shall constitute a sub-committee to have general control and supervision of said primary election. This sub-committee shall have the powers of the state executive committee for all purposes in the conduct and management of said primary election and also as to fixing assessments. Each county committee of each county shall give twenty days' notice of the holding of the said primary election and make all necessary arrangements for holding same and shall meet on Friday, the 5th day of April, 1912, and canvass the returns and declare and certify immediately to the chairman of this committee

the results of said primary election.

"Be it further resolved, That this committee shall meet in Montgomery on Tuesday, April 13, 1912, and declare the result of the primary."

Extension of The Parcel Post.

Mobile Register.

The opponents of the parcel post system appear to overlook the fact that the system has long been in practice here; and what Congress is asked to do is simply to extend the system and to place domestic shippers on the level with foreign shippers. At present the foreign shippers have an advantage of four cents a pound, without there being a good reason for it. Also, foreign shippers can send packages weighing eleven pounds through our mails. Home people's packages are limited to four pounds. It is not a square deal. Why should the American post office give greater and cheaper service to foreigners than to Americans? Can anyone assign a good excuse for this discrimination?

Furthermore, should not Americans have as good service as is obtainable and at rates as low as are consistent with good business principles?

The charge on mailed packages, domestic interior shipment, is one cent an ounce, or 16 cents a pound; and the limit weight is four pounds. Bear this in mind when you learn that in the United Kingdom the limit is eleven pounds, and the rate two cents a pound, or one-eighth of our rate. In Germany the rate is still less.

The package limit there is eleven pounds, and the rate is 12 cents for any package up to that weight; or about one-fifteenth of our rate; that is to say, that if a eleven pound package be sent in Germany it will cost 12 cents; and the same sent in America would cost \$1.70. But there is the further difference. People in America are not allowed to mail eleven pound packages. They must be content with the privilege of mailing packages of four pound only as outside limit.

The candidate, hereafter if the new primary law is effective, will be protected from any solicitation for advertising. He can advertise in a newspaper if he feels like doing it, but it will be against the law for a newspaper to write to a candidate of a campaign committee urging them to advertise in a newspaper. During the last two general primary campaigns in Alabama the ire of the candidates was directed particularly to what is called, "wet weather newspapers"—newspapers that only blossomed into active life during a campaign and which seemed to depend exclusively upon the money of candidates for sustenance. But the inhibition against soliciting advertising will apply to the legitimate newspaper as well as to this other class.

Senator Bourne suggests that a graded rate will prove more satisfactory than a fixed poundage rate; and, in his report on the subject, he has presented a proposed rate for the United States of 10 cents for the first pound and four cents for each additional pound, or 50 cents for parcels of the maximum weight, and the suggestion that half these rates be made applicable to a 50 mile radius zone extending from every post office.

Again, it is made unlawful for one candidate to pay another candidate to "come down," or not to run. It is equally unlawful for a candidate to promise to appoint a man to office. This will be a difficult crime to prove, unless the man who gets the appointment does not get the office and turns State's evidence. Again, a candidate cannot be solicited to help build a church, a lodge building or a school house. In every candidate's mail during the last two general primary elections there came to him requests, to help

NEXT PRIMARY BE DIFFERENT.

New Law Prohibits Many Practices of Past. Expenses to Be Paid by "The Dear Tax-Payers."

some community build a church, a school house, or a lodge room. The law seeks to protect the candidate from all requests for money by any organization, political or religious.

This new law says that no corporation shall contribute in any way to elect or defeat a candidate. Nor shall any candidate have the right to hire workers at the polls. A candidate cannot pay the traveling expenses of a voter to get him to the polls, nor can he pay the voter for his "lost time" in going to the polls.

A special attack is made in the law on the campaign lie and the anonymous circular. The law makes this offense criminal. Nor can the author or printer of an attack on a candidate escape conviction by establishing the truth of the charge unless one day prior to the publication of the charge to the author of it has submitted a copy of the charge to the candidate affected. Nor can any such charge be published or printed in any form unless it bears on its face the author of the charge.

Every person, firm or corporation employing men must let every voter in their employment off at some time during the day to go to the polls.

The voter can make the demand for permission to go to the polls and vote, and if he is refused he can have his employer prosecuted. Moreover, the law makes it a criminal offense for the person, firm or corporation, employing the voter "to dock" him for lost time."

There is a reminiscence of recent prohibition campaign in Alabama, in the provision which makes it illegal to serve within one hundred yards of the voting place free coffee, free sandwiches or other free drinks, except water.

The Legislature evidently figured that the influence of a cup of coffee and a sandwich would wear off, if the voter had a hundred yards to walk. It is noticeable, however, that free coffee and free sandwiches have never been served except on an election day, and except when the prohibition question was involved.

Hereafter, it will be a crime to give away coffee, sandwiches, or beer, within a hundred yards of the place where the voters mark their ticket.

Alabama, beyond doubt, has the most sweeping primary law ever enacted by any State. A scrutiny of the law reveals many of the practices which have subjected primary elections to criticism, and which the law ostensibly intends to abolish.

Administratrix's Notice.

State of Alabama,) In the Probate Court,) of said State and Co.,) Coffee County,) at Elba, Alabama,) Estate of Paul B. Johnson, deceased,

Notice to all parties concerned is hereby given that I have this day been appointed administratrix of the estate of my husband, Paul B. Johnson, deceased, by the Hon. S. N. Rowe, Judge of the Probate Court, of Coffee County, Alabama. All parties having claims against said estate will present them either to myself or to the court, within the time prescribed by law, or the same will be barred.

This the 2nd day of December, 1911.

Lula F. Johnson,
Administratrix.
By Riley & Carmichael, Attorneys.

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